

# St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Eve: 5:00pm

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00,  
10:30am & 12:15pm  
(12 Noon during summer months)

Weekdays: 7:30, & 11:30am

Saturday Mornings: 8:30am Only

Holy Days:  
7:30, 11:30am & 7:00pm

Holidays: 8:30am Only

INTERPRETED MASS  
FOR THE DEAF  
Fourth Sunday  
of Each Month  
12:15pm

SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION:  
(Penance/Confessions)  
Saturday: 11:00am

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:  
Mondays  
Novena Prayer  
11:30am Mass

LITURGY OF  
THE WORD  
WITH CHILDREN:  
Sundays: 10:30am Mass  
September - June

CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICES  
OFFERING SOCIAL  
SERVICE ASSISTANCE  
1(800) CCS-7413  
Fax: 596-3735

Rev. Charles J. Miller, M. Div., Pastor

Rev. Peter K. Funesti, M. Div., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Philip A. Sanders, S.T.B., Parochial Vicar

Rev. Thomas F. Blind, M. Div., In Residence

### PERMANENT DEACONS:

Deacon Albert H. Tizzano

Deacon Dennis J. Besida

Deacon Thomas J. Coyle

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR  
ELEMENTARY CATECHETICS:  
Tracey Rennie

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE  
FOR PARISH MINISTRY:  
Sister Arleen Crimmins, O.P.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:  
Ms. Joan Ferraer

DIRECTOR OF LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTRIES:  
Nancy A. Cardone

ASSISTANT LITURGICAL  
MUSIC MINISTERS:  
Paul DiBianca  
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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE FOR FAMILY  
& ADULT FORMATION MINISTRIES:  
Robert P. Miller

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY:  
Mr. Timothy Dennin

PASTORAL COUNCIL:  
Tom Rossano, Chairperson  
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Michele Sweetman, Secretary

FINANCE CHAIRMEN:  
Peter Maulbeck, Finance Council  
Patrick DeCotiis, Finance Committee

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June 1, 2008 . Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Masses for the Week**

**Sunday, June 1**

**Saturday, May 31**

5:00 pm Thomas A. Walsh - Family

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7:30 am Emanuel Racelis - Uncle

9:00 am Carlo & Anna Grenata - Family

10:30 am Teodorico Q. Flores - Children

12:15 pm For the People of the Parish

**Monday, June 2**

7:30 am Dorothy Burrell - Friends

11:30 am Mariano & Mary Rusignuolo - Family

**Tuesday, June 3**

7:30 am Alfredo Petrillo - Friend

11:30 am Carmella & Jack Lipari - Daughter-in-law

**Wednesday, June 4**

7:30 am Cecile M. Anderson - Family

11:30 am Carroll Family - Family

**Thursday, June 5**

7:30 am Grace Monticello - Son

11:30 am Salvatore LoCicero & Salvatore Cataliotti -  
Wife & Sister

**Friday, June 6**

7:30 am Hele Rohan - Family

11:30 am Thomas Coll

**Saturday, June 7**

8:30 am Thomas, Lena & Catherine Caputo - Family

**Sunday, June 8**

**Saturday, June 7**

5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, June 8**

7:30 am John D. Revene - Daughter

9:00 am Rachele DeMunno - Friend

10:30 am Nicholas Salerno, Lawrence & Frances Nicolette  
- Family

12:15 pm Helen M. Wardell - Daughter

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Paul Strickland, Joseph Kearney,

**REST IN PEACE**

Salvatore Massimino, Frank R. Pitrelli,  
Bridget C. Ryan, Frank P. Ramirez

**CANDLE INTENTIONS:**

Church: Dorothy Krolak

**Next Sunday's Readings:**

Hosea 6:3-6  
Romans 4:18-25  
Matthew 9:9-13

**Pray For Vocations**



The Lord calls each person to a vocation at distinct points in his or her life. Sometimes it is not earth shattering or soul-shaking, yet it is a call that cannot be ignored. In today's Gospel Lord reminds us of the effects when we do not build our lives "on rock" which is a reference to the Church. Are you willing to guide people in building their lives with the Church, Christ's continued presence on Earth, as its foundation? If so, you may have a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Pray to recognize the call of the Lord and contact the Office of Vocations at [kellybar@rcan.org](mailto:kellybar@rcan.org) or 973.497.4365.



**Right to Life**

For our Bishop:  
in thanksgiving for his devotion to the  
Gospel of life;

*We pray to the Lord*

**Wellness Ministry Cares... Assistance Program**

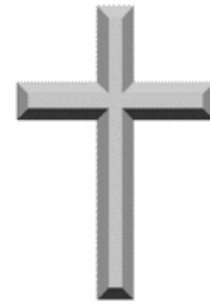
The Wellness Ministry phone line is available Mon-Fri, 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center at 973-338-9190 ext. 20. A return call will be made within 24 hours. A Parish Nurse will provide limited confidential health counseling & referrals to Community health resources & services. Volunteers are available for errands, home visits and phone contacts.

There will be a second collection this weekend, May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> to Support Our Youth in Faith.



**Please note for the summer months, beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Sunday 12:15 p.m. Mass will be held at 12:00 Noon. This summer schedule will continue through August 31<sup>st</sup>. 12:15 Masses will resume September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

*A message from Father Peter*



Dear Parishioners of Saint Thomas,

I am writing to inform all the parishioners that on May 22<sup>nd</sup> of last week Archbishop Myers called me and asked if I would take the position of **Pastor** for **The Church of the Nativity** in Midland Park, New Jersey. This parish is located in northwest Bergen County.

I will start my new Ministry on July 1<sup>st</sup>. I am very excited for this new and challenging opportunity. I am also sad to be leaving St. Thomas the Apostle. This has been my home for the past 13 years and I have become very connected with many of you over that time.

Please pray for me as I assume the role of Pastor as I will continue to pray for you.

There will be a farewell Mass here on **June 22**, at the **12:00 noon Mass** followed by a reception in Herron Hall. I know this is a busy time of year and many of you may already have commitments; but if you can join me I would be thrilled.

Sincerely,

Father Peter Funesti

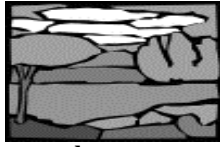
~ ~ September Club Travel ~ ~

For the Perfect Get-Away...

Join us at the

**ROCKING HORSE RANCH**

in Highland, NY



September 22<sup>nd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Price... \$484.00 DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

For reservations call Diana Del Vecchia 973-338-8545 or  
Grace Giangrande 973-773-1990.

**SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL**

Accepting registrations for 2008-09 now!



**FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN**  
**Grades Pre-K 3 through 7**  
**Before & After School Programs**

**Pre-K options include full-day  
and/or half-day sessions**

*(Minimum requirement of two sessions per week)*

**For more information: Phone: 973-338-8505  
or Email: staoffice@catholic.org**

*Middle States Accredited*

A Health Tip from the Wellness Ministry

### **Weight Loss Matters**

The good news is that type 2 diabetes is very sensitive to weight loss and may even disappear when obese people lose weight. Improved insulin resistance can occur with a weight loss of as little as five pounds. Even better results can be achieved with a 7%-15% decrease in weight. In fact, the Diabetes Prevention Program showed that people that followed a low-calorie/ low fat diet, exercised 30 minutes a day, and lost an average of 15 pounds, were 58% less likely to develop type 2 diabetes. (Tomlinson C., Edinburg News Letter, April 2008)

For more information on diabetes contact your health care provider or the American Diabetes Association at [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org).

### **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE RETREAT TEAM**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**When:** Mondays, June 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Parish Center

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### **"THIS WEEK"**

**Monday – 6/2**

### **Golf Outing**

September Club – 11:30am in St. Peter  
Men's prayer and Bible Study – 7:30pm in St. Matthew

**Wednesday – 6/4**

Prayer Shawl Meeting – 7:30pm in St. Thomas

**Thursday – 6/5**

SCC Thursday – 7:00pm in St. Matthew

**Friday – 6/6**

*St. Thomas School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation*

SCC Friday – 7:00pm in Church

### *Session Dates for Baptism for 2008*

#### **CATECHESIS PREPARATION**

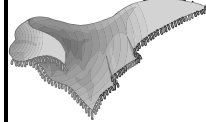
In the St. James Room in the Parish Center

May 25	1:30pm
July 6	1:30pm
Sept 7	1:30pm
Oct 12	1:30pm
Nov 2	1:30pm

#### **BAPTISM CELEBRATIONS FOR 2008**

June 8	12:15pm
June 29	1:45pm
July 20	1:45pm
Aug 10	1:45pm
Aug 31	1:45pm
September 14	12:15pm
October 26	1:45pm
November 16	1:45pm
December 7	1:45pm

### *The Prayer Shawl Ministry*



*Let us continue to pray for those  
making shawls and those who  
receive them.*

Meetings are scheduled for Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday evening June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. We will be working on winter accessories for the homeless. There will be a member offering instructions on knitting and crocheting hats. To partake in these instructions, you will need to bring the following items:

- One scan of worsted wool yarn
- An 'I' crochet hook or size 6, 7, or 8 knitting needles
- A set of four double pointed or a set of single pointed needles

Shawls and lap robes are available for those who need them. If you have any questions call Bernadette @ 973-893-0114 or Alicia @ 973-473-6633. If you need a shawl please call Sr. Arleen @ 973-338-9190 x-34.

Visit our website at [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com)

## Adventure at the County Fair 2008 Vacation Bible School

This summer, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will again be offering its very popular Vacation Bible School program. Through storytelling, arts and crafts, music, and play, the children will be introduced to stories from the New Testament. The program this year, Son Harvest County Fair, promises to be exciting for all ages.

### KEY INFORMATION:

- Eligibility:** Children ages 4 through 12  
**Dates:** Mon., June 23<sup>rd</sup> through Fri., June 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Place:** St. Thomas the Apostle School  
**Registration:** Pre-registration only. All completed forms (one per child) and the registration fee must be submitted to the Religious Education Office (located in the basement of St. Thomas School) on/before June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Extra registration forms are available at the Religious Education Office or may be downloaded from our website, [www.stachurchbloomfield.com](http://www.stachurchbloomfield.com). If your child is coming with a friend and they want to be together, please write a note on the top of the registration form, "My child would like to be with..."  
**Registration Fee:** \$50 per child (includes t-shirt, daily arts & crafts materials and snack). A \$10 late fee will be charged after June 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**Volunteers:** The program is run by volunteers; please sign up for all or part of the week.  
**Nursery:** Provided only for parents working as volunteers in the program.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

CALL THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (973) 338-7400.  
**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!**

### Vacation Bible School Registration Form (Please print – one form per child)

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # : \_\_\_\_\_ PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

KNOWN ALLERGIES/MEDICAL CONCERNS: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE...

T-SHIRT SIZE:    YOUTH S (6-8)    M (10-12)    L (14-16)

PARENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**YES!** I AM WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CALL ME.

**SORRY!** I AM UNABLE TO VOLUNTEER.

Return form with \$50 non-refundable fee to the Religious Education Office by June 6<sup>th</sup> or a \$10 late fee will apply.

Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas the Apostle**

*We welcome into our Community of Faith  
With our prayers and good wishes,  
Our newly Baptized...*



**Andrew Richard LoMonte**

*Parents: Erika (Miller) & Richard LoMonte*

**Gabriella Nicole DiGeronimo**

*Parents: Jill (Prado) & Mark DiGeronimo*

**Grace Elizabeth Florian**

*Parents: Brianne (Saelens) & James Florian*

**Catherine Shea Geraci**

*Parents: Maria (Catalano) & Russell A. Geraci*

**Brooke Leizl Sherman**

*Parents: RosaLee (Mariano) & Brian Sherman*

## HOLY NAME SOCIETY 2008 RETREAT - TIME TO PLAN



Now is a good time for all returning STA retreatants and other interested STA men to plan for our 2008 retreat. This year our retreat is October 24-26, 2008, at San Alfonso, "Where God and Sea Come Together".

The Theme for 2008 is: Matthew Matters - "Keys of Life". Talks will cover; the keys of relationships, the keys for a good confession and the keys for mission.

Sign-up begins in September. The Photo above of HNS Retreatants smiling angelically is from the 2006 retreat.

### **Good to know!**

Proper tire inflation can improve gas mileage by more than 3%. Since every gallon of gasoline saved keeps 20 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere, every increase in fuel efficiency makes a difference.

Ministry of Spiritual Direction



**Summer Directed  
Retreat by the Ocean**  
**Thurs June 26 – Sun June 29 or**  
**Thurs July 3 – Sun July 6**

**The Upper Room Spiritual Center**  
**West Bangs Ave, Neptune, NJ**  
**Exit 100B off the Garden State Parkway**

***"I have come that you may have life  
and have it to the full!" (Jn.10:10)***

**Come and experience the healing power of  
God's unconditional loving presence and the gift  
it holds for restoring your sense of well-being.**

For information call: Anna Graziano – (973) 338 -9538  
Offering -\$225 (Reservations limited)

**BERGEN CATHOLIC  
HIGH SCHOOL**

1040 Oradell Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

The following Summer Camp Programs will be held at  
Bergen Catholic High School in Oradell, NJ

- The Crusader Basketball School: 3 Sessions - July 14-18, and July 21-25. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Basketball Office at (201) 634-2204
- 2008 Championship Football Camp: 2 sessions - July 28-31, and Aug 4-7. For boys grades 5-9. For information: BC Football Office (201) 634-4127.
- The Central Bergen Lacrosse Camp: 2 sessions - July 7-11, July 14-18. For boys ages 8-15. For information: BC Lacrosse Office (201) 634-4141
- Soccer's Edge: 1 session - June 23-27. For boys entering grades 6, 7 & 8. For info (201) 847-2500.

For information email: dbell@bergencatholic.org.

**DON BOSCO PREPARATORY**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**

**2008 Ironman Football, Basketball, Baseball, and  
Lacrosse Camps to be held throughout the summer.**

Ironman Football Academy for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: June 24-27, June 30- July 3, July 7-10 (DBP Freshmen)

Ironman Basketball Camp for boys grades 2-9.

- Three sessions: July 7-11, July 14-18, July 21-25

Vision Lacrosse Camp for boys ages 7-18.

- Three sessions: July 21-25, July 28-Aug 1, Aug 4-8

Ironman Baseball Camp for boys ages 9-14.

- One session: July 14-17

For more information, please call during the daytime,  
201-327-8003, ext. 104 or evenings, 201-444-9497 for  
football; 201-722-0885 for basketball; 201-925-4255 for  
lacrosse and 201-384-6418 for baseball.

***Great Idea for Father's Day***

To honor your father (living or deceased) this **Father's Day**, Catholic Charities is offering a meaningful gift. For a minimum donation of \$5, the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network will send your dad or the person you designate a card noting your donation to help feed the hungry of the Archdiocese! Monies received will be used ONLY for the purchase of emergency food supplies for 75 pantries in Essex, Hudson, Union, and Bergen counties. Mail your donation to:

**EFNN, Catholic Charities - (973) 266-7941**  
**37 Evergreen Pl., East Orange, NJ 07018**

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Please Print:

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Enroll: \_\_\_\_\_

Living  OR Deceased

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Card FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your dad will be so proud of you for recognizing his  
caring in such a meaningful way.**

**Lacordaire Academy hosts Alumni Event**



Lacordaire Academy is hosting Cocktails, Camaraderie and Catching Up" for its Elementary Alumni & Secondary Alumnae 6:00 PM, Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Montclair Country Club, 177 Hepburn Rd, Clifton. Reservations are \$30 per person.

Mingle with class-mates, faculty and new Head of School, Brian Morgan. Share memories and learn about the exciting new happenings at the Academy. Please RSVP by Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at LacoAcad@aol.com, 973-744-1156 x 27 or visit the web at www.lacordaire.net.

**R** Rutgers University-Newark  
will be running its 17<sup>th</sup>  
annual *Summer BASKETBALL*  
*Program* for children ages



7-17. The program is July 14-18, July 28-August 1, & August 4-8, 2008 from 8:30 to 3:30pm. The cost for one week is only \$150. Discount rates if you attend two or three weeks. For more information / brochure call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.